

NEW YEAR'S BALL.

Sumter German Club's Second Ball Will Be Given On January 1, 1907.

The second ball of the Sumter German Club will be given in Armory Hall on the night of Tuesday, January 1, 1907. The committee has been appointed by the officers of the club and they are already making arrangements for the ball, which they hope to make one of the most enjoyable and brilliant ever given by the club.

The committee is composed of the following: Messrs. R. D. Graham, Geo. D. Levy, J. H. Levy, Jr., H. W. Harby, W. A. Alston, D. J. Winn, Jr., Lucian Strauss, A. H. Wilder, Herbert Parrott and Henry Richardson. A meeting of this committee is called at 7 o'clock on Monday night next at the office of the Citizen's Insurance Agency.

The committeemen for the first ball will be: Messrs. I. C. Strauss, E. W. Ware, Robert Shuler, L. R. Williams, W. H. Flowers, A. Yates, A. Weathersbee, Thomas Jenkins and J. J. Harby.

TRAGEDY IN SPATANBURG

Little Boy the Innocent Agent of a Fearful Accident.

Spartanburg Dec. 6.—Special: What will probably prove to be a triple tragedy occurred this afternoon at Cedar Springs, by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of Heintish Coggins, aged 8 years. His twin sister, Hattie Lou, is dead, and Heintish and a colored girl are fatally wounded.

Lisco Coggins, the father of the Coggins children, had just returned from a hunting trip. He placed the gun in his room and it was picked up by young Coggins, who pointed the gun at his sister. The gun went off accidentally, the load entering the body of the boy's twin sister, killing her instantly. A colored girl, who was standing near, received a portion of the load and may die at any moment. When the gun was discharged it recoiled, the butt striking the boy in the head, inflicting a serious wound.

THE NEED OF SEWERAGE.

Health Officer Reardon and His Fight Against Dry Wells.

The ordinance against dry wells within a half mile of the water station has been through a legal fight of some length. H. D. Moise, Esq., has been fined twice for digging a well within the prohibited area, and another warrant was issued against him by Recorder Hurst Thursday for the same offense, upon affidavit made by Health Officer E. I. Reardon. The cases were appealed from the Recorder's Court by Mr. Moise, in behalf of himself and one of his clients, but the Circuit Court sustained the ordinance. Mr. Moise has paid his two fines, but as he has not discontinued the use of the well, the Health Officer will continue to prosecute as fast as the legal machinery will permit, unless in the meantime Mr. Moise decides to discontinue the use of the dry well.

The other party to the violation of the ordinance has paid his fine and claims to have discontinued the use of the well for which he was prosecuted, and is using another old well in another yard, which had been in continual use before the passage of the ordinance, which by a provision, allows the use of dry wells within a half mile of the water station if constructed prior to the passage of the ordinance. A question to be decided now is whether the Health Officer can fill up either of the new wells, even though they be not used, provided that they are disconnected, and not used for the purposes for which they were constructed.

Death Sentence Commuted.

Atlanta, December 6.—The pardon board to-day commuted the death sentences of Jesse and Milton Rawlings to life imprisonment. The crime is the same for which their father, J. G. Rawlings, and Alf Moore, a negro, were hanged at Valdosta Tuesday. The recommendation of the pardon board goes to Governor Terrell, who undoubtedly will approve the decision.

There is talk of establishing a furniture factory in Columbia.

The store of Caesar Alexander was burned in Darlington Wednesday night.

WE HAVE A FIRE.

Engine Room of Osteen Publishing Company Burned Out This Morning—Engine Seriously Damaged.

Fire broke out in the engine room of the Osteen Publishing Company between 8 and 9 o'clock Thursday, and although it was discovered almost immediately the flames spread so rapidly that the engine room was a seething mass of fire before the Monaghan Hose Company from just across the street could stretch a line of hose and get a stream turned on. As soon as the water was turned on the fire was quickly subdued. The fire was confined to the engine room, and the only damage done was to the engine, the engine room and the glass in the rear windows of the second floor of the office.

The total amount of damage has not been determined, as it will be necessary to have the engine rebuilt before it can be used again. If it had not been for the quick work of the firemen there would have been a serious fire.

Fortunately the Osteen Publishing Company has a second engine which is kept in reserve for use in case of break down or other emergencies, and the work was carried on after the fire was extinguished in the engine room. The work was seriously handicapped today and the Daily Item is issued this afternoon under difficulties.

Fire Thursday Morning.

At 1.30 a. m. Thursday the wood house on the premises of Mr. A. W. Crosswell caught on fire and necessitated the calling out of the fire department. The wood house was completely destroyed, the fence in the back yard burned in part and the kitchen was slightly damaged, all of which loss is fully covered by insurance.

Joe Evans shot Will Hnghy to death in Greenwood county Sunday night. Evans had first assaulted Hnghy's wife and killed him when he remonstrated.

REV. CREIGHTON EXPELLED.

Recommendation of the Trial Committee Made After Being Up All Night for Verdict.

Columbia, S. C., December 5.—Rev. C. W. Creighton has been dismissed from the ministry and has been expelled from the membership of the Methodist Church, South. This decision was reached yesterday at dawn by the committee of 12 which had remained in session 63 hours of actual time. Just what transpired in the committee room will never be known and just how the committee stood with reference to the final verdict will also be a closed chapter.

The presiding officer of the trial was Rev. L. F. Beaty of Nashville, Tenn., the assistant Sunday school editor of the general conference. He was not a member of the committee, being merely the presiding officer, representing the bishop. When the verdict was announced to him, he wept. It was while he was pastor at Edgefield that Mr. Creighton decided to quit the practice of law to enter the ministry.

"I don't believe Charley Creighton had any but the highest of motives when he entered the ministry," said Mr. Beaty yesterday. "The verdict of the committee means that they regard Mr. Creighton to be guilty of the charges preferred, and I have no reason to question the righteousness of that verdict, but yet I wish that this unfortunate contention could have been spared the conference."

Rev. E. O. Watson, secretary of the conference and one of the members who was outspoken in opposition to Mr. Creighton, also wept when the verdict was placed in his hands. He recognized in Mr. Creighton as an individual a man to be loved, although his views and those of Mr. Creighton differed widely.

MR. SPENCER'S WILL

Bulk of Property Left to His Widow and Her Children—Estate Valued at About \$75,000.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The will of the late Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway company, was today admitted to probate. The document was executed in New York city, July 27, 1905. All his household furniture, pictures, paintings, plate, horses and carriages are given to the widow, Mrs. Louisa Vivian Spencer, absolutely.

Mrs. Spencer is also given the residence and real estate in Tuxedo Park, Orange county, New York, or the residence and real estate in this city. She is also given the use for life of the residence which decides not to take. At her death the residence so used shall revert to the surviving children of Mr. Spencer in equal parts.

The residue of the estate is to be divided into three parts, one of which is to be given absolutely to Mrs. Spencer; another share is to be held by the executors in trust for Mrs. Spencer during her life and at her death to revert to the children of Mrs. Spencer or any descendants of deceased children; the remaining part of the estate is to be divided among the children.

The heirs of Mr. Spencer are stated to be Louisa V. Spencer, the widow; Henry B. Spencer, Vernona Spencer Laying and Vivian Spencer, his children.

The personal estate is given as "in excess of \$10,000," and the real estate is estimated at \$75,000. The executors are the widow, two sons and son-in-law, James B. Laying, Jr.

*It is a mistake to use a violent cathartic to open the bowels. A gentle movement will accomplish the same results without causing distress or serious consequences later. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are recommended. Sold by all druggists.

Tax Notice.

The County Treasurer's office in Court House building will be open for the collection of taxes, without penalty, from the 15th day of October to the 31st day of December, inclusive, 1906.

The levy is as follows: For State, 5 mills; for county, 3 1-2 mills; Constitutional School, 3 mills; Polls, \$1.00. Also, School District No. 1, Special, 2 mills; No. 2, 2 mills; No. 3, 2 mills; No. 4, 2 mills; No. 15, 2 mills; No. 17, 1 mill; No. 18, 2 mills; Shiloh School District, 3 mills. 50 cents capitation dog tax.

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